Transfer of D. G. Doordarshan

1565. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General, Doordarshan has been abruptly transferred recently even without making selection for his successor; and

(b) if so, what are the circumstances leading to his sudden removal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir. The Director General Doordarshan was transferred after he had served as such for more than 2 years on this post. While transferring him, suitable incharge arrangements were made.

(b) Does not arise.

Privatisation of Manufacture of Telephone Exchange

1566. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of telephone exchanges with capacity upto 2000 lines is proposed to be privatised;

(b) if so, what are the details of the private sector undertakings which have shown interest in manunfactureing such exchanges; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The manufacture of Switching Equipment with 2000 lines or less capacity such as Rural Automatic Exchanges, is allowed for manufacture in the private sector.

(b) and (c) A number of private sector units have shown interest in the manufacture of telephone exchanges such as Rural Automatic Exchanges and approvals are accorded depending on the merits of each proposal. Details of the cases are given in the Statement.

Statement

Name of Private Party	Status
The National Radio & Electronics Co. Ltd.	Approved
BPL Systems & Projects Ltd.	Approved